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SUBJECT: GOK TO POSTPONE ICCP IMPLEMENTATION TWO WEEKS

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Khalid Al-Fahed, Director of Standards and Metrology at Kuwait's Public Authority for Industry, told Econoff on January 22 that the Government of Kuwait plans to postpone implementation of its proposed International Conformity Certification Program (ICCP) until February 17, from the initial implementation date of February 1. Al-Fahed said the postponement was due to administrative processes rather than a response to the non-paper delivered by Post on January 21 (Ref A). Al-Fahed added that the USG is the only WTO member state so far to respond with comments to the GOK's proposed ICCP. Post is scheduled to meet in the coming days with Bader Abdul Raheem, Kuwait's Acting Undersecretary for Commerce and Industry, to discuss GOK responses to specific points in the non-paper (Ref B), ahead of the Ambassador's meeting on this issue with the Minister of Commerce and Industry.
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